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Units returning to the Reuss Kaserne in Gera between 17 and 20 October 1953 included: 12 152-mm howitzers; 12 122-mm howitzers; 24 100-mm AT guns; 12 to 14 x 85-mm AT guns; 16 x 57-mm AT guns.

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an estimated 3,600 soldiers and officers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes including about 80 percent with artillery insignia and 20 percent with motor transport or AF artillery insignia. Between 1 and 5 p.m. on 21 October, 153 officers including 2 colonels and 2 lieutenant colonels left the installation toward the town.

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Comment.  the return of the 308th Arty brig (US). The present report seems to be the most correct regarding number and caliber of guns as to T/E. Accordingly, one battalion with 12 x 152-mm howitzers; one battalion with 12 x 122-mm howitzers; one battalion with 12 x 76.2-mm field guns, rather than 85-mm AT guns; and one battalion with 12 x 57-mm AT guns can be carried. The number of officers and personnel seems to be exaggerated.

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